

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. Sinclair's
decision to air the
documentary really
amounts to a free
campaign
contribution to
President Bush. And
it is not hard to
see that this action
is done in the hope
that a re-elected
Bush will give big
corporations bigger
financial breaks and
more control over
the minds and hearts
of those who watch
television. This
runs counter to the
vision of what our
democracy would be
in the minds of our
founders who saw the
U.S. as a bastion of
freedom in the
world.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.